

*Gathering Table*  
*a Faith Community*  
*in the Anglican Church of Canada*



**The Great Vigil of Easter**

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !’

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**Lighting New Fire and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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April 8, 2023

7:00 pm.

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. We encourage "Masks" to be worn in accordance with the most recent COVID-19 Protocols from the Diocese of Algoma.

*For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.*

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on  
him the name which is above every name.

*Philippians 2.8–9*

## **The Lighting of the New Fire (we start outside for the lighting of the new fire)**

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

**Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Procession of Light**  
*(proceed into church following the Christ Candle)*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The light of Christ.  
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### **Exsultet (spoken)**

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Lay Reader: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover Feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is

slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

O God, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn:            **Here I Am to Worship**  
*(Tim Hughes. © 2000 Thankyou Music)*

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Reading of the Word:**

#### **The First Reading from the book of Exodus Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21**

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD.

11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?"

12 Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see

today you shall never see again.

14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.

16 But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

17 Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

24 At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

15:20 Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

21 And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown



into the sea."

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Second Old Testament Reading:  
Zephaniah 3: 14 -20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will renew you<sup>[a]</sup> in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.”<sup>[b]</sup>

I will remove disaster from you,<sup>[c]</sup>

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
20 At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 114**

### **God's Wonders at the Exodus**

1 [a]When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,  
2 Judah became God's [b] sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.  
3 The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.  
4 The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.  
5 Why is it, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?  
6 O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?  
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.

## **The New Testament Reading is from Romans 6: 3 – 11**

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:      **Lord of the Dance**

*(Sydney Carter, 1963)*

## **The Reading of the Gospel according to Matthew 28: 1 – 10**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>[a]</sup> lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,<sup>[b]</sup> and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Sermon:        **Rev. Ann Camber**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**        *BAS Page 330*

Presider:        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The Sprinkling of Blessed Water**

*(the priest will use cedar boughs dipped in the blessed water to sprinkle those present)*

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Offertory Song: **Lord I Lift Your Name On High**

*(Words & Music by Rick Founds ©1989 Maranatha! Music)*

## **Prayer over the Gifts:**

Presider: God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

## **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things.



You formed us in your own image:  
male and female you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,

the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, “ Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, “ Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”  
Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Presider:* Therefore we proclaim our hope.

***All:* Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*Presider:* Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

***All:* Amen.**

## **Receiving Holy Communion**

**The Lord's Prayer –**

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold  
to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And lead us not**

**into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Fraction Sentence for Easter #8**      *BAS page 213*

Presider:      Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All:**              **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider:      We were buried in your tomb.

**All:**              **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider:      Live in us, that we may live in you.

Alleluia! The gifts of God for all the people of God.

**All:              Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Music during Communion:**

**The River**

*(Brian Doerksen, Michael Hansen,  
Brian Thiessen © 2004 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

**Deep Calls to Deep**

*(Sr. Estelle White, 1978)*

**Jesus What a Friend to Sinners**

*(J. Wilbur Chapman, Rowland H. Prichard Public Domain)*

**Prayer after Communion**

Presider:      Giver of all, we are nourished with your  
Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite  
us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection

and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.      **All: Amen.**

**The Doxology**

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Presider:      Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing:      **Rev. Ann Camber**

And now, may the God of peace,  
who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
equip you with all you need for doing his will.

May he produce in you,  
through the power of Jesus Christ,  
all that is pleasing to him.

To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Invitations:**

those who wish to keep vigil

– suggested readings/prayers found on pages 325-329;

Closing Hymn:      **I Am the Resurrection**

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**No Dismissal**



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**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19*